

SERMON, "THE FALL OF JERUSALEM."

Text: Matthew, 23rd Chapter, 37th Verse. "Oh, Jerusalem, Jerusalem."

Sunday, December 16th, 1917, at 11 O'clock A. M., by Dr. F. G. Snelson.

This Wall of Love is the Cry of Jesus for Jerusalem, the Holy City of the great King. Jesus has so often been disappointed in us, as well as in the cities of the Earth; and Jesus has wept for us in our disobedience and in our sins. O JERUSALEM.

Many an earthly father has wept over his ungodly son; many a broken-hearted mother has wept, as Jesus does in the text this morning, for her wayward daughter. "My Child, my Child, how often would I have gathered thee, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not." This is the outcry of Love-in-Grief, disappointed and discouraged.

Jesus expected better things of Jerusalem, but lo, Jerusalem has fallen, and becomes a murderous nation, a Godless people, a sinful race.

FIRST SINS OF JERUSALEM.

Killing the Prophets and Stoning the messengers of the Gospel are first among the sins of the Human Race. Away with Him, Away with Him," shoes from the Judgment-Seat of Pilate. "Release unto us Barabas;" but Jesus the Christ they shouted: "Crucify Him, Crucify Him." OH, St. Mary's, when the hearts of so-called Christians become so depraved and wicked as that, Jesus weeps and cries for them. "O, Jerusalem, Jerusalem." Are there any Jerusalem Characters in the Church this morning? Remember that Jesus is really looking for you—actually crying over your sins. In this connection we are not talking alone about the Jews, perse; but concerning all of us who have gone away to our sins and crucified Jesus afresh.

SINS OF MODERN JERUSALEM.

What are the Sins of Modern Jerusalem? "Thou shalt have no other gods before ME." And yet in their defiance of this eminent Law in God's First commandment, Modern Jerusalem has been worshipping MOHAMET INSTEAD OF JESUS THE CHRIST—have exalted the KORAN OF MOHAMMEDANISM INSTEAD OF THE BIBLE OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST. O, my people, Jesus says, "He that is not with Me is against Me. Ye cannot serve God and Mammon. And Elijah said unto his people, 'How long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God follow Him; but if Baal then follow him.' The gods of Baal were powerless to send fire. Then steps forth Elijah, the Man of God, repaired the Altar, took Twelve stones—according to the Tribes of the sons of Jacob, and with these stones Elijah built an Altar in the Name of the Lord, and Heaven answered The prayer of Elijah. And they fell on their faces shouting, 'The Lord, He is God.'" How complete is the overthrow of the enemies of God, His Christ and His Church.

CHRISTIANITY CAPTURES JERUSALEM.

The recent Fall of Jerusalem, which came last Sunday, after being in the hands of the Turks and under the control of Mohammedans for 1,200 years, stands out as perhaps the most notable event of the present "World-War." It is a mere Military Accomplishment of



"BREAKING HOME TIES"

On the Sunday before the departure of the Eighth Regiment for Camp Logan, Houston, Tex., breaking family ties in hundreds of Chicago homes, the above group picture was made of the Barnett family. Reading from left to right: Top row—Hulette M. Barnett, Herman Kohlsaat Barnett, Regt. Supply Sergt. F. L. Barnett, Jr., Ida B. Wells Barnett, Jr., Charles Aked Barnett and Albert G. Barnett. Lower row—F. L. Barnett, Ida B. Wells Barnett, Alfreda H. Barnett and grandchildren Hulette E., Beatrice J., Audrey V. and Florence B. Barnett.

Ferdinand L. Barnett, the founder of the above branch of the Barnett family in Chicago, was born in Virginia and came to Chicago in 1869. Graduating from the North Western University Law School in 1880, he has been active in the practice of his profession in the state and federal courts here ever since.

For fourteen years Mr. Barnett served as assistant state's attorney and during this time represented the state's attorney's office in all habeas corpus cases before the Supreme Court of Illinois. He is now an authority on habeas corpus procedure. One of his cases appealed from an order of Judge Landis to the United States Supreme Court, is

cited as a controlling case in all habeas corpus procedure.

Mr. Barnett has always resisted oppressive and unjust prosecution against Colored men. Very frequently he has done this wholly without compensation and often at actual cost to himself. Take, for example, the famous "Chicken Joe" Campbell case, which is still fresh in the minds of us all, and is still pending in the Supreme Court of Illinois.

Mr. Barnett has assisted many persons who have been imprisoned to take new steps in life. He has had paroled to him from the Illinois State Penitentiary seven of the inmates and from the

Illinois State Reformatory more than fifty young Colored men. All these persons he has personally assisted in their efforts to obtain work during parole.

Mr. Barnett was nominated by the Republican party as one of the first candidates for judge in the Municipal Court. By the early returns he appeared to have been elected by a small majority. Later and more complete returns, however, showed that he had lost. Believing that he had been robbed of the election, immediate steps were taken to contest the official count, and a committee of Negro citizens with E. H. Wright as attorney took charge of

the contest. This contest was heard before Judge Rinaker, who decided that Mr. Barnett had been defeated.

Mr. Barnett has always been foremost in promoting all progressive movements for the benefit of the people. He succeeded in having endowed the Young Men's Library Association until the funds contributed by H. H. Kohlsaat had been turned over to the Provident Hospital fund and Mr. Barnett became one of its first trustees.

Aside from owning other property in this city Mr. and Mrs. Barnett, who dearly love each and every member of their family, reside in a nice home at 3234 Rhodora avenue.

J. B. CLITHERO & CO. ARE MAKING GOOD IN THE REAL ESTATE BUSINESS.

The first part of 1915 J. B. Clithero & Co., branched out in the real estate business at No. 7 W. 51st Street. Mr. Clithero himself, head of the firm, owns considerable good income property, and from that day to the present they have made good in the real estate business.

It is a pleasure to state that the writer has transacted business with Mr. Clithero and has found him to be honest and straightforward in his business dealings and his chief clerk, Mr. Van Petten, is the right man in the right place.

Mr. O. F. Smith, President of the Citizens' Trust and Savings Bank, State and Garfield Boulevard, is one of the leading bankers on the south side. By reason of Mr. Smith's square dealing and up-to-date banking methods, he has secured a large number of the thrifty and industrious Colored People in the community as depositors. Mr. Smith extends a cordial welcome and the best services that his bank affords to his Colored patrons as well as White.

SOCIAL ITEMS.

By La Ursa W. Snelson.

Last Wednesday afternoon there passed through Chicago the Naval Base Hospital Corps, No. 3, headed by Lieut. Commander Rae Smith, U. S. N. R. F., in which there are eighteen race men with a unit of 266 others from Southern California. Among them is Floyd Grant Snelson, Jr., the only son of Dr. F. G. Snelson of St. Mary's A. M. E. Church, who visited his father and sisters, bringing eight of his comrades to bid his family adieu. Mrs. Snelson spread a hasty, but delicious supper before the young men, Christmas cake and other dainties were served and a service of prayer was held, which I am sure shall never be forgotten by the departing heroes, or the ones that were left behind. Addresses were made by Dr. Snelson, Prof. A. J. Bowling and Mrs. Snelson. Those present were F. G. Snelson, Jr., Geo. Baber, Oscar D. Jones, Claybourne H. Stovall, S. M. Adkins, F. L. Patterson, Jesse Williams Walker, Earl Morris, Alfred McDowell, all of Los Angeles, Cal.

St. Mary's A. M. E. Church, 5251 Dearborn St., Dr. F. G. Snelson, Pastor. The Pastor will preach the Christmas Sermon at 11 o'clock. Theme, "The Government Shall Be Upon His Shoulders." Fine services all day, and special music will be rendered by the Choir at night. Sermon by Mrs. Evangelist Elizabeth Howard. Mrs. Nora Taylor will preach the Missionary Sermon at 3 o'clock. All welcome.

On Tuesday of the present week Chicago University conferred upon Miss Lydia Wells Mollison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Mollison of South Park Ave., the degree of Ph.B. Miss Mollison was the only person of color in the class of seventy who received various degrees. There were representatives from many lands representing three of the great races of mankind. Miss Mollison had already received the degree of A.B. from Tougaloo University, and had taken a post-graduate course at the University of Michigan. Her parents are being congratulated upon her success.

MRS. BLANCHE WARD SNELSON



HOPE AND TRUST.

By Mrs. Blanche Ward Snelson.

What matter if the year be long,
And your pathway fail of joy and
delight,
Tho' you sing not a continual song,
Just hope and trust, and all will be
right.

2 Do your task from day to day,
Do it with all your might;
It matters not what folks may say,
Just hope and trust and all will be
right.

3 Work for the uplift of mankind,
Strive to climb the highest heights;
Do whatever your hands may find,
Just hope and trust and all will be
right.

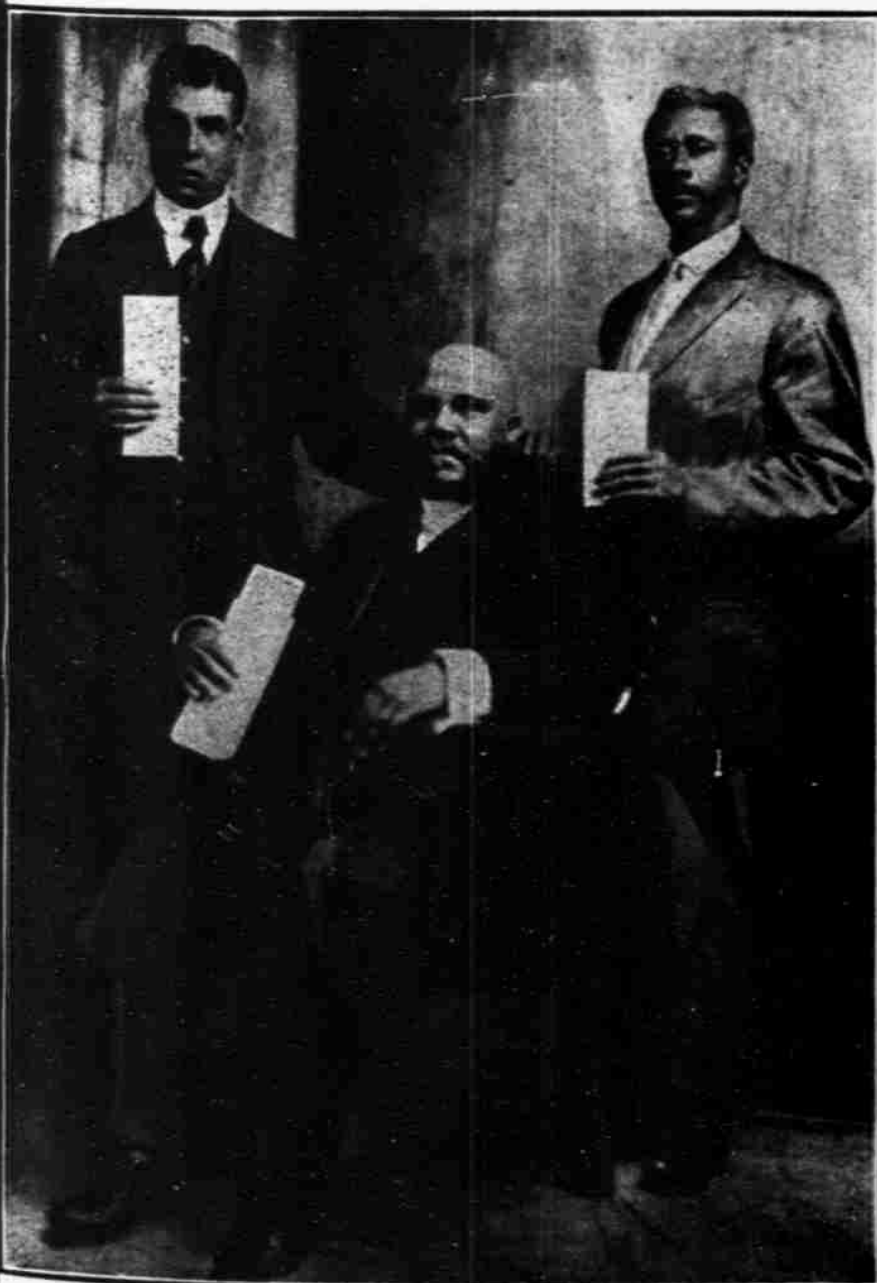
4 Finish whate'er you undertake,
Be vigilant while the day is bright;
Do this for Jesus name's sake,
Just hope and trust and all will be
right.

5 If this pathway you pursue,
Tho' the day be dark or bright,
There'll be no need for you to rue,
Just hope and trust and all will be
right.

DEATH OF MRS. DEBORAH PRITCHARD.

Last Saturday evening, Mrs. Deborah Pritchard, who was one of the oldest citizens in this city and one of the oldest members of Quinn chapel, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John B. Hart, 4841 Federal Street.

Mrs. Pritchard was in her ninety-second year. Funeral services were held over her remains Tuesday at Quinn Chapel, Rev. J. C. Anderson officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Mrs. Hart has the sympathy of a host of warm friends over the loss of her dear mother.



Rev. Snelson and two officers of his church, Messrs. Cecil and Clark.



HON. OSCAR DE PRIEST

Prominent Republican politician; ex-Commissioner of Cook County; successful real estate dealer; who with thousands of his warm friends feels dead sure that he will be re-elected to the City Council in 1918.